Physical Models Physics

Trap Assisted Auger Recombination

This model adds in a dependence of recombination lifetime on carrier density, and will only be significant at fairly high carrier densities [79].

The carrier lifetimes are reduced according to the following formula

$$\tau_n = \frac{\tau_n}{(1 + \text{TAA.CN}(n+p)\tau_n)}$$
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$$\tau_p = \frac{\tau_p}{(1 + \text{TAA.CP}(n+p)\tau_p)}$$
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where n is the electron density and p the hole density. To enable the model, specify TRAP. AUGER on the MODELS statement. It will then apply to the SRH model if enabled or to the CDL model if enabled.

You can set the parameters on the MATERIAL statement with the defaults as shown in Table 3-71.

| Table 3-71 Parameters for Trap assisted Auger model | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Statement | Parameter | Units | Default | |
| MATERIAL | TAA.CN | cm ³ /s | 1.0×10 ⁻¹² | |
| MATERIAL | TAA.CP | cm ³ /s | 1.0×10 ⁻¹² | |

Trap-Assisted Tunneling

In a strong electric field, electrons can tunnel through the bandgap via trap states. This trap-assisted tunneling mechanism is enabled by specifying TRAP. TUNNEL on the MODELS statement and is accounted for by modifying the Schockley-Read-Hall recombination model.

$$R_{SRH} = \frac{pn - n_{ie}^2}{\frac{\text{TAUPO}}{1 + I_{p}^{DIRAC}} \left[n + n_{ie} exp \left(\frac{\text{ETRAP}}{kT_L} \right) \right] + \frac{\text{TAUNO}}{1 + I_{p}^{DIRAC}} \left[p + n_{ie} exp \left(\frac{-\text{ETRAP}}{kT_L} \right) \right]}$$
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Here, $\Gamma_n^{\rm DIRAC}$ is the electron field-effect enhancement term for Dirac wells, and $\Gamma_p^{\rm DIRAC}$ is the hole field-effect enhancement term for Dirac wells. $\Gamma_n^{\rm DIRAC}$ and $\Gamma_p^{\rm DIRAC}$ are defined in Equations 3-82 and 3-83.